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FOR JOSEPH RHODES FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF JOSEPH RHODES: PENNSYLVANIA STATE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES

REF: (A) LAGOS 14117 (B) CAPETOWN 1272

1. MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT
COMMISSIONER
GARBA REGRETTABLY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE YOU EITHER DECEMBER
22 OR 23. ACCORDING TO MINISTRY OFFICIALS, WHO WERE SORRY THAT MEETING

COULD NOT BE ARRANGED, THE COMMISSIONER WILL BE TIED UP IN EXTENDED
FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS BOTH DAYS. DIRECTOR AMERICAS
DEPARTMENT HAD HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE SET UP A MEETING AS HE
IS FIRM BELIEVER IN CONTINUING THE USEFUL AND ONGOING DIALOGUE
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND NIGERIA.

2. WE, TOO, REGRET THAT COMMISSIONER'S SCHEDULE PRECLUDED HIS
SEEING YOU ON THIS OCCASION. IF YOU WISH ME TO DELIVER ANY MESSAGE
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TO THE COMMISSIONER ON YOUR BEHALF I WILL, OF COURSE, BE MOST
PLEASED TO DO SO.

3. PRETORIA 5785 JUST RECEIVED. DECEMBER 24 IS PUBLIC HOLIDAY
IN NIGERIA; GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL CLOSE AFTERNOON OF 23RD AND
WILL NOT REOPEN UNTIL FOLLOWING WEEK. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS

WITH MEA OVER COURSE LAST WEEKEND AND THIS MORNING WE LEARNED
THAT COMMISSIONER IS PLANNING TO DEPART FOR HIS HOME TOWN IN
NORTHERN NIGERIA LATE ON THE 23RD TO SPEND THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
WITH FAMILY. FRIDAY MEETING, THEREFORE, IS NOT POSSIBLE, EITHER,
I REGRET TO SAY.
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